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They also have detailed newspaper cuttings files on over 750 topics that have been compiled since the
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News never stops but this file was finished on 31 August 2016.

I will maintain supplements and corrections – contact me for anything you need

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2018

1897 03 18
Dullingham railway gates smashed, p4

1897 07 06

Dullingham vicar & new window, p2

1899 08 12

A most disastrous fire broke out in the vicinity of Dullingham. Mr Bye, the foreman of Hill Farm, had alighted from the train at Dullingham station when his attention was called to a fire in the stackyard of his employer. He at once gave the alarm. With praiseworthy speed Mr Chittock, the Dullingham stationmaster, and by his direction, his staff also, arrived and assisted to remove 14 horses, 25 cows, pigs and other animals to a place of safety. Special mention is due of the hearty manner in which the farm hands and the station staff worked

1900 04 04

The following appointments of parish constables were made: Burwell, H. Martin; Brinkley, F. Geo. Howard; Cheveley, J. Nicholls; Chippenham, A. Duffield; Dullingham, J. Smith; Fordham G.R. Godfrey; Isleham, J. Dilley; Soham H. Rouse; Wicken, W. Barton; Wood Ditton J.J. Howe & C. Cates.

1910

1910 01 14

Dullingham centenarian – 10 01 14k

1910 04 01

There was an accident at Dullingham Station when some wagons jumped the rails. Three timber trucks were thrown over and three cattle trucks overturned. Breakdown gangs were summoned and the up line was cleared in three-and-a-half hours. A number of sleepers, and chairs were smashed but these could be quickly replaced. The difficulty was to get rid of the overturned waggons before the down line could open. The Newmarket stationmaster sent passenger trains to Fordham and thence by the Quy and Swaffham line to Cambridge. 10 04 01

1910 12 02

In spite of the discomfort and dangers of motoring in dense fog, Sir Charles Rose succeeded in addressing five meeting in his East Cambs constituency on Tuesday evening, finally arriving at Great Wilbraham with the assistance of a guide. But G.H. Verrall decided not to proceed with his motor to hustings at Stetchworth, Dullingham and Burrough Green, sending a telegram to say the fog made driving with motor impossible 10 12 02h – West Cambs 10 12 02i

1911 02 17

Elijah Moore of Dullingham won the Grand Prix Du Casino at Monte Carlo, consisting of a work of art and 1,000 sovereigns. In the final of a very close and exciting contest at the International Pigeon Shooting meeting he and M. Guimet killed bird for bird until the 18th when Mr Moore was enthusiastically hailed the winner. The win places England on terms of equality with Italy, each having won the championship on fourteen occasions 11 02 17

1913 02 07

Newmarket licensing magistrates heard there were two public houses at Dullingham Ley, one to only 20 cottages. The landlord of the Rising Sun beerhouse had been asked not to supply a woman with drink. But she'd drunk until closing at lunch time, and then left with men who'd been drinking. She fell down on the road very drunk, was lifted on to a bicycle, held there, wheeled to the farmyard of Mr Holland, pitched on some straw, hay and water thrown on her, made sport of and indecently assaulted. This was a very unseemly exhibition for a Sunday. 13 02 07

1914 02 06

Wedding of a Famous Pigeon Shot. The marriage was very quietly solemnised on Tuesday morning at the Parish Church, Wood Ditton, of Mr. Elijah Moore, the well-known racing commission agent, and a famous pigeon shot, of Dullingham, to Miss Florence Day, a daughter of Mr. F. W. Day, who retired

a year or two ago as a trainer of racehorses. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Reginald Day, trainer. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Moore left in the bridegroom's motor car for Cambridge, en route for Monte Carlo. 14 02 06

1914 02 07

Dullingham coal dealer's bankruptcy – 14 03 20f

1919 04 02

New magistrates. Mr. Ebenezer William Diver, of Isleham, and Mr. Sidney Augustus Taylor, of Dullingham, have been appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Cambridgeshire, it is announced. 19 04 02 CIP

1920

1920 01 07 CIP

Rats Killed, Up to December 3rd last the number of rats killed in the county and paid for by Cambs County Council under the Rats Order, was 35,516. The districts concerned were: Little Abington (number of rats killed 504), Ashley (980), Balsham (2,718), Borough Green (358), Bottisham (999), Cheveley (631), Chippenham (838), Great Chishill (322), Croxton (225), Dullingham (1,205), Duxford (754), Elsworth (39), Fordham (8,072), Fowlmere (489), Harston (322), Hauxton (186), Heydon (1,593), Hildersham (236), Horseheath (324), Ickleton (1,095), Isleham (3,809), Kennett (1,422), Kirtling (396), Kneesworth (549), Linton (584), Lode (548), Melbourn (442), Newton (160), Pampisford (429), Sawston (332), Shepreth (313), Shudy Camps (1.38), Snailwell (786), Soham (2,896), Stetchworth (1,105), Swaffham Prior (1,032), Thriplow (464), Waterbeach (967), West Wickham (995), Whittlesford (324), Great Wilbraham (846), Wood Ditton (2,017).

1922 04 13

Water supply Dullingham area, p5

1924 02 02

An inquiry was held into establishing a water supply for Dullingham, Brinkley, and Burrough Green. In normal times the supply of water to Brinkley was sufficient for their needs. But there was only one pump and in dry seasons the people had to go very early in the morning and wait a long time. Mrs Webb of Dullingham, said they had not been able to get enough water to wash their clothes, and she could not fancy drinking it after she saw a rat going into the well. The rector of Burrough Green considered the proposal absurd. There was no public water supply. The majority of the cottages were owned by absolutely poor people, everybody was jolly hard up, and now was not the time to put a large expense for a useless object on the backs of the ratepayers.

1926 12 01

A Dullingham youth pleaded guilty to a charge of assault. Complainant said he was driving at night when the defendant, who was standing in the road, fired a pistol in his face. The powder scorched his face all down the side and he was obliged to pull up his car because he could not see. The wad of the pistol hit him in the face and was like a lot of hot pins going into his face. The lad said he fired the pistol for a lark so that the sound of the revolver would make the motor driver think he had a burst tyre. The pistol was confiscated.

1927 01 08

A verdict of "Accidental Death whilst in the course of his employment owing to an error of judgement on the part of the driver" was returned on a Soham roadman. He was at work with a steam roller on the Stetchworth to Dullingham road. A motor car came along, ran over the rough gravel and stopped twelve yards passed the roller. This had occurred hundreds of times; if a car came over rough metal in high gear it often stopped. The roadmen always helped & had given them a push. This time the driver,

instead of getting into third gear, somehow got into reverse and on letting in the clutch the machine ran back and crushed the man between the car and the road roller.

1927 03 10

Cheveley, Dullingham water, p6

1927 11 11

Dullingham shepherd, p9

1928 12 13

W.G. Fullick complained of the dangerous state of Gypsy Lane, Dullingham; hardly a day passed without someone falling from a bicycle. He supposed the Council would rather pay out compensation than put a little gravel down and noticed that the Councillors all had good roads to their residences. He hoped the Council would soon wake up and do something

1930

1936 11 09

Dullingham fire in thatched roof of King's Head pub – 36 11 09a

1940

1940 02 09

Jockey Weds. — Eph. Smith, the prominent jockey attached to Mr. J. L. Jarvis's stable at Newmarket, was married at Dullingham Church on Monday. The ceremony took place quietly. The bridegroom is well-known as the rider of Blue Peter, the horse which achieved such fame last year by winning the Derby and other famous races. Mr. Smith's bride was Miss Doreen Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Moore of Dullingham, and a niece of Mr. Reg Day, the Newmarket trainer.

1943 04 01

Grenade laid in Dullingham field for 10 days, explodes and kills boy – 43 04 01

1946 01 17

Cambridgeshire Regiment drums found in Singapore by Red Cross lady, daughter of Fred Taylor of Dullingham. To be shipped back - 46 01 17

1948 08 30

Pleading guilty to taking a US Army truck belonging to the American Graves Registration Command of Milton Road, Cambridge, because he wanted to attend a Saturday night dance in a neighbouring village, a 35-year old Newmarket labourer was sentenced to three months imprisonment. The vehicle was an open type of truck used to convey Newmarket workmen to Cambridge. Defendant took it from Newmarket and drove to Dullingham. But as he parked the vehicle he ran the nearside wheels into the ditch.

1950

1958 09 17

Light industries are needed to stop young people leaving the area. The rate of migration from Isleham had been amazing and 75 people leave Dullingham to work each day. The biscuit factory at Fordham has closed down because transport facilities were so bad that the cost of bringing materials more than outweighed the cheaper cost of labour. There were factory sites at Soham and the council was prepared to assist any firm wishing to move in. 58 09 17

1959 12 19

Death Frederick Boyton Taylor, Dullingham House – 59 12 19

1960s The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings from this date

1960

1961 09 15

Throughout the year the CIP carried a series of feature articles relating to Cambridgeshire villages. They include Dullingham – 61 09 15 & a CIP

1965 04 30

Dullingham picture feature – 65 04 30f

1966 04 29

Railway stations to be sold at Six Mile Bottom, Sutton (pic), Bluntisham, Haddenham, Harston, Wilburton, Stretham, Dullingham, Isleham, Longstanton – 66 04 29a

1970

1974 11 19

Operation Mop-Up got into full swing as flood waters subsided after nearly two hours of rain in 24 hours. In Cambridge the river burst its banks from Lammas Land in Newnham to Pye's in Chesterton where the playing fields resembled a lake. At St Neots a disabled elderly man and his wife were evacuated as flood water burst into their homes during the worst flooding in that town since 1947. Office workers at the Anglian Water Authority headquarters at Huntingdon spend an anxious afternoon – waiting to see if they would be flooded. Children at Dullingham primary school had to be ferried across floods by a local farmer's trailer when water blocked the road. 74 11 19

1976 03 19

Six primary schools in Cambridgeshire villages may have to close next year. Schools at Wood Ditton, Kirtling, Chippenham, Horseheath, Quy and Madingley have been shortlisted from a number of schools with less than 75 pupils which the county council feels may no longer be viable for educational or economic reasons. Other schools with few pupils include Ashley (30 pupils), Black Horse Drove (40), Castle Camps (55), Dullingham (30) and Stuntney (40)

1979 09 18

Thousands of pounds worth of malting barley was destroyed when a huge blaze gutted a storehouse at Dullingham. The maltings next to the railway line are owned by Clark and Butcher, a firm of Soham corn merchants, and leased to a Newmarket firm who said that top quality malting barley had been destroyed that would have been used to make whisky. Firemen had to travel more than a mile to obtain water because a nearby hydrant had dried out but further disaster was averted when they prevented a 1,500-gallon tank full of diesel from exploding. Two pensioners were evacuated from their homes and police set up road blocks when Station Road became impassable.

1980

1982 01 22

British Rail engineers are to dismantle the arch of the rail bridge between Dullingham and Stetchworth, leaving a gaping hole in the road. A replacement is urgently needed but the bridge sits in fine rolling landscape and a concrete structure would detract from the beauty of the countryside. For the men who work on the Hall Farm, part of the Stetchworth Estate, it means a five-mile journey by tractor just to get to their fields down the road. 82 01 22

1982 11 11

Dullingham school nature trail – 82 11 11

1990 03 06

Cambridge Polo Club wants to use 35 acres of farmland at Dullingham for a new ground. There are lots of people who have to travel long distances to play, some Newmarket racing trainers were considering forming a team and the Varsity match would be played there. It was hoped Prince Charles would take part in an 'Old Blues' match – 90 03 06a

1990 06 08

Dullingham and Shepreth Schools closing to be replaced by one new one – 90 06 08a

1990 06 18

Polo club at Dullingham opens – 90 06 18a